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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Applicant hereby submits the following preliminary amendments and remarks to the patent application referenced above:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 The present invention is a continuation-in-part of Provisional Serial No. 60/230,962 filed on September 7, 2000. The content of this application is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The Applicant requests the referenced changes to the Specification be entered to correct the Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the filing date of the referenced provisional application. Attached hereto is a marked up version manifesting the changes made to the Specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable and is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone